

LADY LAURA'S RELEASE

THE STORY OF A SPOILED BEAUTY.

CHAPTER VII.

Angela admired the dark beauty lieved it; but such was the case. That Captain Wynyard was deeply in tions. All this was commonly dismssed and generally known except

would not have sought her society. fair face and pleasant manner of the girl. It was characteristic of Angela beautiful and gifted woman to that of a young and handsome man. She was therefore only too pleased to remain talking for a time to Miss

LIFE WAS MISERY!

"I was reading the other day about Neurasthenia, about the large number of people who were troubled with this disease. It is just what my wife had. She felt miserable all the time and was con-stantly depressed. She would waken in the morning and tell me waken in the morning and tell me that something dreadful was going to happen that day. Life was nothing short of misery for her. She was so depressed that I expected she would lose her mind and have to go to a sanitarium and I kept wondering how I would get the money to pay for her. She could not eat and had no appetite for food. She was irritable and crunky most of the time. If she was crossed in any way, she would immediately work way, she would immediately work herself up into a violent temper. This worried me because she had always had a land gentle disserved to irritate in i he said that her ination and that y and forget about and look on the ource I dich't dare there fits of weak and estilt. Carwhen the second second

en leaning back in a garden seat, and Captain Wynyard standing by her

of Gladys Rane; but it was instantly suppressed; and again Angela won-

"That is Lady Rooden, your mother, is it not?" asked Gladys Rane, sud-

ed Angela, and her voice was musical with happiness as she said the words. "Captain Wynyard is a great friend of hers," continued Gladys; and she noted how Angela's face fell,

"He tries to be on friendly terms with us," she said cautiously; whereupon Gladys remarked:

"He is not the kind of man I like,"

Surely, mother and daughter being so passionate love, she regarded him steadfastly as he stood by the side

"Do you know Captain Wynyard well?" inquired Angela with a strange instinctive consciousness that there loved and no other. He had not as

been attached for many months, and that during the whole of the preceeding season they had been inseparable.

Later on in the afternoon Angela found a cool quiet nook where she hoped she would be able to muse alone; it held a small wooden seat, which was hidden by a clump of to enjoy the quiet her shady retreat offered. Not many minutes had passhe was not alone—that some one was sobbing in deep distress, and signs of preference for Captain Wynsome one else administering conso- yard?"

"You know my heart is not in it." hate it; but what can we do? I cannot help myself."

bling voice. "She is so beautiful, I am sure that you will love her in

"I never shall. I love you, and you only; but in our case love and marriage cannot go together. Marriage would mean ruin to both of us."

Then Angela, unwilling to be even an accidental listener, rose from her seat and hastened away. She had no idea who the speakers were; but half an hour later she saw Gladys Rane with Captain Wynyard, and a sudden suspicion darted through her mind that the conversation she had overheard had taken place between

It was but a suspicion; yet it was once in her mind. She saw them together again, and from the expression on Miss Rane's face she felt sure that, whatever the captain's sentiments might be, the whole love of the girl's heart was given to him.

CHAPTER VIII. Late that evening Lady Rooden and Angela were seated in her ladyship's cozy dressing-room, discussing the events of the day. They had donned their dressing-gowns, and their hair was flowing loosely over their shoulders. Angela's, in which there was a pretty natural ripple, was brushed out to its full length, and her mother was passing her hand admiringly

over the glossy waves. "You have beautiful hair, Angel," the said, caressingly. "I admire its natural ripple very much; no art

could imitate it." "I saw a girl this afternoon with hair just like mine," Angela remark-

"Did you?" questioned Lady Rood-

Angela's face brightened suddenly "Mamma," she cried, "you often say EUGENE H. THOMAS that I do not see much of what passes P. O. Box, 1251; Phone, 757.

Presently they moved on and came She is a perfect brunette, surpasan opening in the trees, and at a singly beautiful, and I found out

quite a tender ring; and there was

en's face now; ih had grown pale, and a shadow had crept into her blue

sharply. "Who is this Gladys Rane?" "You do not like him! I can tell "She is the niece reputed heiress of by the expression of your face and Lady Kinloch," replied Angela; "and she is a fashionable beauty besides.'

"You say that Captain Wynyard loves her." continued Lady Rooden In spite of herself a look of triumph to whom the carelessly spoken words

devoted to each other, if the daughter thought him handsome until I saw his

of Lady Rooden. All who could see She gasped for breath, her lips tremhim and not love him? What manner bled, and her face quivered with pasher beloved mother and this beauti- of girl was this who had looked on his sionate pain. Could it be possible handsome face and noble bearing, that Angela was right, and that, after estly that it was herself whom he Rooden for her large fortune, that time," was the reply; but Gladys he would ask for herself, and Rane did not mention that they had Angela's words now fell upon her

"And you thought that she showed

"I am inexperienced in such mat tainly seemed so to me;" and she kissed her mother's fair face, which had grown pale so suddenly.

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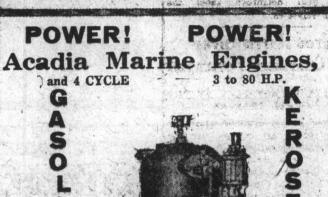
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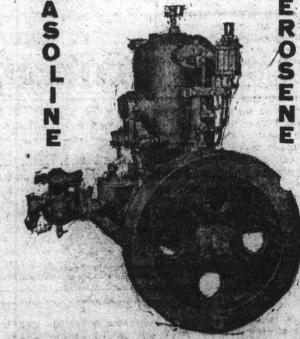
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